



Houston Public Library Celebrates 125 Years as a Federal Depository Library



Houston Public Library's downtown branch (Central Library) is celebrating 125 years as a Federal depository library on July 18, 2009 with an open house and reception. Joe McClane, Manager, Content Acquisitions representing GPO, will be presenting the award acknowledging the Library's dedication and will be giving a talk about their collection, which includes some 900,000 documents from nearly every Government agency. A display of famous and unique documents, such as medical records from the Civil War, a 1970's era Defense Department cookbook, and early NASA documents can be viewed in the concourse meeting room from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A reception will follow the program.

A selective depository, Houston Public Library started collecting Government documents as the Houston Lyceum Library in 1884. The collection is the area's largest at over 900,000 and is comprised of many formats including books, brochures, CDs, maps, microfilm and those stored electronically.

The Houston Public Library consists of the Central branch and 36 neighborhood libraries throughout the city of Houston. In addition to their status as a Federal depository library, they implement many programs for the city including an "Evening with Author Series" and a summer reading program. Their [Web site](#) is comprehensive offering an ["Ask a Librarian"](#) live reference help online service 24/7, [special collections](#), and a [Government documents page](#) offering links to other sites offering free Government information in addition to their own collection.